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February 1957

At 1100 hours a military maneuver was performed by the Soviets at Julfa, the duration of which was approximately two hours.

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January 1957

At 0300 hours, close to the river bank, just opposite the monastery, 14 trucks were released by the Soviets, with 9-minute intervals.

15 February 1957

From Julfa to Nakhichevan.

The train was made up of 26 cars, of which 20 were flatcars, each carrying a gun. Diameter of the barrels was about 50-60 cms, and the length approximately 3-3½ meters.

The other two flatcars each carried one automobile.

The remaining four boxcars were full of soldiers.

22 February 1957

Early in the morning, a train passed towards Julfa, made up of 40 cars, of which five flatcars each carried a big gun (described above), five flatcars, tanks (one on every flatcar), four boxcars were full of soldiers, and the remaining cars were closed and covered.

25 February 1957

From Julfa to Nakhichevan.

The train was made up of 60 cars, of which 15 flatcars each carried one tank. Two boxcars were full of soldiers, and the remaining cars were closed and covered.

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1 March 1957 - At 1200 hours on 1 March 1957 one Soviet freight train, made up of 45 cars arrived in Soviet Julfa from Baku.

4 March 1957 - At 0900 hours 4 March 1957, one Soviet freight train made up of 35 cars arrived in Soviet Julfa from Baku.

10 March 1957 At 1200 hours on 10 March a freight train of 50 cars arrived in Soviet Julfa from Baku.

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20 March 1957 - At 1100 hours on 14 March, two Soviet planes were observed over Soviet Julfa, which disappeared in the west after a 10-minute flight over the town.

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26 February 1957 - The train, made up of 22 cars, passed at 1600 hours from Nakhichevan to Julfa. 15 boxcars were full of soldiers, 5 flat cars carried 3 big guns, and 2 flat cars - two tanks.

3 March 1957 - Since three days, target shooting exercises are carried on at the opposite station. On the first two days the soldiers were using light machine guns, but today heavy machine guns were observed instead of light ones.

10 March 1957 -

Target shooting exercises were carried on at the opposite station with rifles.

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16. On March 3, 1957 about 30 light cars arrived in Iranian Julfa from Soviet Julfa at 2:00 P.M. The cars were numbered 1018839, 1061832, 1013046, 1069177, 157112, 099714, 81669, 717245, 1502451.

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17. On March 4, 1957 about 30 tanks were observed at a point west of Julfa, 100 meters from the border, on approximately 100 tracks.

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18. On 100 P.M. on April 13, 14 and 15 the following freight-cars (one of them was a box-car) arrived in Iranian Julfa from Soviet Julfa: 1018839, 1061832, 1013046, 1069177, 157112, 099714, 81669, 717245, 1502451

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19. On April 16, 1957 a train arrived in Iranian Julfa from Soviet Julfa to Julfa. The train was made up of 50 cars and 2 flat-cars. The first 2 cars carried seven heavy guns, 2 carried two heavy tanks, 12 box-cars full of soldiers, and the rest were covered cars.

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20. On April 17, 1957 a train arrived in Iranian Julfa from Soviet Julfa to Julfa. The train was made up of 25 cars, of which 10 were box-cars, 10 flat-cars carried ten heavy trucks (covered), 2 flat-cars carried two heavy tanks, 12 box-cars full of soldiers, and the three last cars were covered.

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21. On April 18, 1957 exercises, with heavy machine-guns were carried out in Julfa.

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22. On April 19, 1957 a train arrived in Iranian Julfa from Soviet Julfa to Julfa to Makhichevan. The train was made up of 30 cars, of which 10 were box-cars (covered), 5 flat-cars 5 heavy tanks, and the remaining 15 box-cars were full of soldiers.

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